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The 125th Department of Massachusetts Encampment (Front Row, seated—left to right: Dept. Chaplain Bob Knight, PDC; Dept. Secretary Bill Ryerson, PDC; Dept. JVC George Maple, Jr., PCC; National Senior Vice Commander Charles Kuhn, PDC; Dept. Commander Perley Mellor, PCC; Dept. SVC Kevin Tucker; PCC, Dept. Treasurer Ed Norris, PCC.—Back Row, -left to right: Wendell Presbrey, Jr., PCC; Dept. Councilman Peter Rotando, PCC; Dept. Guide Roy Henry, Jr., PCC; Scott Butler; Dept. Councilman Danny Burns, PCC; Camp 104 Commander Tim Callahan; Richard Lufkin, PCC; Ed Kelley; Dept. GRO Ed Knight, Camp 132 Commander Doug Jenkins, Dept. Organizer John Bates, PDC; Richard Nichols; Frank Tucker, PDC)

Boxborough, MA -Thanks to the efforts of Department Commander Perley Mellor and Auxiliary Department President Nancy Fornier, the 2007 Annual Department Encampment brought the Sons and their Auxiliary back together in what is hoped to be a long-lasting spirit of harmony and cooperation. The event, held at the Holiday Inn in Boxborough on Friday, April 13th and Saturday, April 14th, was the first time in a number of years that both *(Continued on page 2)*

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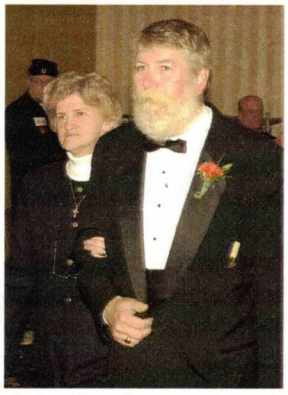


Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Charles Kuhn and his wife Joanne

organizations held their annual Encampments at the same location. With both the ladies and men participating and contributing, the Encampment was a memorable one. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Charles Kuhn, representing the National Organization, attended with his wife, Joanne. (The Kuhns drove all the way up from their native Pennsylvania.) Also in attendance was Massachusetts' own Barbara Mayberry, National President of the Auxiliary, on hand to bestow the greetings and good wished of the National Auxiliary organization.

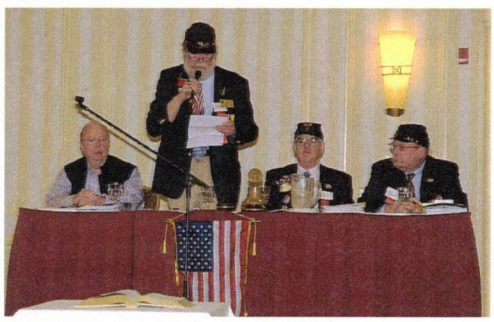
The Encampment began with a friendly "Campfire" social hour on Friday evening, allowing everyone to meet Brother and Mrs. Kuhn and Sister Mayberry, and to get reacquainted with members of their complementary organizations.

On Saturday, Department Commander Mellor hosted the Brothers and Sisters at the annual "Commander's Breakfast" with everyone enjoying a wonderful meal and some great camaraderie before both organizations got down to business.

Sons & Auxiliary come together for Joint Opening (Left to right: DP Nancy Fornier; NP Barbara Mayberry; DJVC George Maple, Jr., PCC; SVCinC Charles Kuhn; DC Perley Mellor)

A joint Memorial Service and joint opening were held, followed by the first business session where budgets were discussed, motions were put forth and votes were taken.

At noon, it was the Auxiliary's turn to host, as the annual President's Lunch was held. This was a nice buffet lunch with entertainment provided by Ed Knight of Camp 15, who gave a presentation on the evolution of the use of the bugle in the Civil War.



SVCinC Kuhn reads a message from the National Organization (Left to right: Dept. Secretary Bill Ryerson, PDC; SVCinC Kuhn, PDC; Dept. Commander Perley Mellor; Dept. Treasurer Ed Norris, PCC)

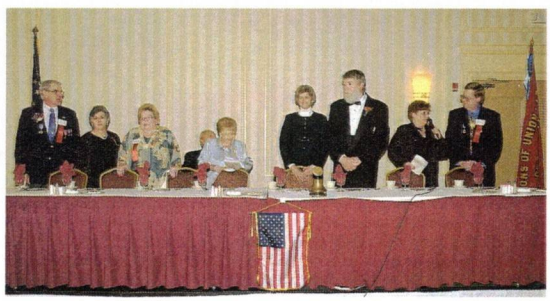
Following lunch, the afternoon business sessions were held, including the Election of Officers. Once again, Perley Mellor was elected Department Commander and Nancy Sullivan was elected as the new Department President of the Auxiliary. SVCinC Kuhn and Nat. President Mayberry presided at the installations of officers in their respective organizations.

Later in the evening, a joint Encampment Banquet was held, with John Bates, PDC and Mary Ellen Seifert sharing the Master of Ceremonies duties. Brother Rick Eccleston provided the musical entertainment and served as disc jockey. Center pieces and favors were Civil War soldier– themed figures, and added a nice touch to festivities.

This was a congenial event, with recognition and greetings of the National, Department and Camp officers in Attendance. Many gifts were given by the Department Commander and Department President, in appreciation for all the work that went into making the joint Encampment a success.

Brother Ed Norris, Department Treasurer was selected by Dept. Commander Mellor to be this year's recipient of the Roger Olsen Award as the Department's most outstanding Brother, with his work on putting the Department's finances in order cited as being above and beyond what anyone expected.

Dept. Treasurer Ed Norris (right) is awarded the Olsen Award as the most outstanding Brother in the Department for 2006-2007 from DC Mellor.



Encampment Banquet (Right to left: DC Perley Mellor; Diane Mellor; DP Nancy Fornier; Dept. Chap. Bob Knight, PDC; NP Barbara Mayberry; Joanne Kuhn; SVCinC Charles Kuhn; NCofS Mary Ellen Seifert; John Bates, PDC

All in all, it was a great Encampment for both organizations, and Commander Mellor hopes that it will mark a permanent reuniting of the Sons and it's Auxiliary, so that together they can work toward the mission of the organization: to keep alive and honor the memory of the G.A.R. and all Civil War Soldiers, Sailors and Marines who fought and sacrificed to preserve the Union.

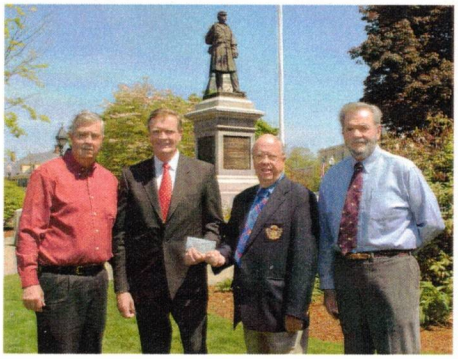
East Street Cemetery Rededication in Chicopee

By Ed Norris
Department Treasurer

On April 21, 2006, L.A.Tift Camp No. 15 Commander Ed Knight led Brothers from Camps 15, 18, and 25, along with Sisters of Auxiliary No. 10, in a ceremony to honor Veterans buried in East Street Cemetery, whose headstones had been replaced. Of the 33 honored, 31 of these men had fought in the Civil War. Three years before, on Memorial Day 2004, Ashley D. Sanocki, now age 11, noticed the poor condition of these headstones and set out to do something about it. She contacted Delfo Barabani of the Chicopee Veterans and Patriotic Committee for help, and Mr. Barbani was able to obtain the necessary funds from the United States Veterans' Administration.

Members of Camps 15, 18 and 25 at East Side Cemetery (Ladies, from left to right: Brenda Bolduc, Joyce Moore, Robin Maple, Amanda Bolduc; Men left to right: Roy Henry, Charles Fitch, Ed Norris, George Kane, George Maple, Walter Koberna, Pat Moore, Jeremy Bolduc, Albert Lemieux)

Funds Acquired for 4 Massachusetts Monuments



PDC Bill Ryerson presents a $500 check to Woburn town officials for the restoration if its Civil War Monument, in the background.

Thanks to a timely "heads up" from National Council of Administration Member Leo Kennedy, the Department was able to procure $1745 in restoration funds from the Civil War Memorial Grant Fund. At the New Hampshire Department Encampment in April, Brother Kennedy, representing the National Organization, announced that there was still over $6000 remaining unused in the Civil War Memorial Grant Fund. Since this fund is a "use it or lose it" type fund, without the ability to roll it over into next year, Brother Kennedy urged any Camp with ongoing monument restoration projects to apply as soon as possible. Department Civil War Memorials officer immediately applied for funds for monuments in Boston and Wakefield, along with requesting additional funding for the continuing repair og the 11th Mass. Monument at Gettysburg. Brother Tucker also assisted the Town of Woburn in their request for funds, by completing an assessment. $500 donations from the fund were made to Boston, Wakefield and Woburn, and an additional $245 was granted to the Gettysburg monument, which had previously received large grant from the fund.

Keep an Eye Out for Lonely Flag Holders!

By Ed Norris
Department Treasurer

At a Willie Grout Camp No. 25 meeting late last Fall, Brother Edmund (Tag) Ahaesy asked Camp Commander Ed Norris if he would check to see if the graves of two African American soldiers were properly flagged at the Pine Grove Cemetery in Boylston, Mass. While searching for the graves of Henry and Theodore Hazzard of the 54th Mass. Infantry, Norris noticed a G.A.R. flag holder in the middle of a lot, there was no family or government gravestone to indicate who might be buried there. A few notes about the location and surrounding gravestones were taken. The next day a call to the Boylston Cemetery Department yielded the information needed. Edward J. Sargent, a musician serving 3 years with Co. A & C, 25th Mass. Infantry is buried there. Norris did the necessary research, obtained the state service records from the Massachusetts National Guard Museum in Worcester, and received permission to order a ground marker for this worthy soldier. The ground marker was installed during the last week of April 2007. The lesson of this story? If you see a flag holder without any indication of who might be buried there, take some notes and contact your Camp's Grave Registration Officer. The results, in most cases, will be well worth your effort and another Civil War Veteran will be identified and honored.

New England Regional Association Meeting July 21st

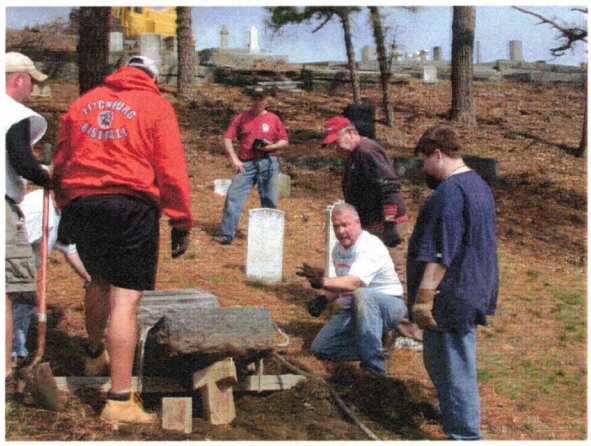
By Bill Ryerson
N.E.R.A. Publicity Director

The Annual Meeting of the New England Regional Association of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, (always held the Third Saturday in July) will commence on Saturday, July 21, 2007 at the NH Veterans HQ, (opposite the S.S. Mt. Washington dock) at Weirs Beach in Laconia, NH. Registration will start at 9:30 AM. The meeting is scheduled to start at 10AM. Auxiliary Members will meet at the Weirs Beach Community Center, which is part of the Weirs Beach Fire Dept. building, (just over the bridge and up on the left from Weirs Boulevard.) At Noon, both groups will join at the Community Center for a splendid luncheon, put on by the Department of New Hampshire. Tickets for the lunch are $11.00 each, and Richard Woodbury promises a good feed. Please make checks payable to NERA and send to Bill Ryerson, PO Box 11, Winchester, Mass 01890. Any Member in good standing of the SUVCW or Auxiliary from any of the six New England States is automatically a Member of the New England Regional Association. See you at the Weirs on July 21st!

A Year After Restoration, Rededication Conducted in Fitchburg

By Ed Norris
Department Treasurer

Back on April 5, 2006 at Laurel Hill Cemetery in Fitchburg, vandals toppled the monument honoring Co. A, 53rd Mass. Regiment and approximately 90 headstones. Included, were those of a number of Civil War veterans. Brothers George Maple and Ed Norris volunteered to help, and spent the better part of a day with other community volunteers resetting headstones back into their proper positions. The officials from the city requested that the SUVCW participate in a rededication scheduled for May 13, 2006. But, because of predicted heavy rains (2-6 inches), 10-15 mph winds, and a flood watch, (all of which the weathermen actually got right), the event was sadly cancelled. A year later we decided to try again, and the weather was perfect. On May 12, 2007, we rededicated the monument and the headstone for Orlando P. Boss, a Medal of Honor recipient. Camp Commander Ed Norris and Dept. Chaplain Bob Knight led the ceremonies. Brother Peter Rotando, as Officer of the Guard, led the Brothers from Camps 15, 18, and 25. Also in attendance, were four Sisters from Auxiliaries 10 and 25.



DJVC Maple (right) assists cemetery workers in resetting vandalized headstones.

Laurel Hill Rededication Ceremony (Left to right: Richard Lufkin, PCC; CC Ed Knight; Bob Ducharme; Steve Twining,PCC; DJVC George Maple, PCC, Dept. Chaplain Bob Knight, PDC; Dept. Treasurer Ed Norris; ((others from the 15 MVI))

Camp 104 Well Represented at N.H. S.A.R. Annual Meeting

By Bill Ryerson
Department Secretary

Members of the Charles H. Bond Camp No.104 were prominent at the New Hampshire Society, Sons of the American Revolution Annual Meeting, held in Manchester, NH on April 28th. Brother Donald Hayes, a Lowell High School history teacher, was re-elected President of the organization. Brother Hank McCarl, Past National President General of the S.A.R., was elected as an Alternate Trustee. Brother David Getchell, a Past Secretary/ Treasurer, was also in attendance, as was Department Secretary Bill Ryerson, PDC, a NHSSAR Member, MASSAR Board. of Managers Member, and President of the Olde Middlesex Chapter. We are proud of the example that these Brothers set in their efforts to honor and preserve the memory of our country's first Soldiers and Sailors. Interestingly, Brother Ryerson reports that the S.A.R. is actually eight years younger than the S.U.V.C.W., being formed in 1889.

Charles H. Bond Honored

Frank J. Tucker, PDC
Charles H. Bond Camp No. 104

On Sunday, May 20th Members of the Charles H. Bond Camp No. 104, in Wakefield, traveled to Mount Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge to honor the man for which the Camp is named. The day began with a slight overcast, as the Camp 104 entourage rendezvoused at Wakefield Center, prior to departing for Mount Auburn Cemetery, where Charles H. Bond is interred, for the purpose of conducting the memorial service.

Among those in attendance were National Council of Administration Member Dan Murray and his wife, New Hampshire Auxiliary President Linda Murray, accompanied by Department Commander Perley Mellor and his wife, (and now President of the Willie Grout Camp No. 25 Auxiliary) Diane Mellor.

Upon arrival, at the cemetery, the group was met by Department Secretary Bill Ryerson, PDC, accompanied by his grandson Jeremy, whom he had designated as his assistant photographer.

As soon as yours truly began the eulogy of Brother Charles Bond, the skies erupted into a rainy downpour, forcing an accelerated presentation of the Rites at the grave site. We believe that the rain was a result of the attendance of Department Commander Mellor, who tends to bring rain to all events that he attends. The acting Chaplain at the event, PDC John Bates III, giving a stirring presentation, and Brother Bond was properly honored.

DC Mellor and Members of Camp 104 honor Charles H. Bond. (Left to right: SVC Kevin Tucker, PCC, Frank Tucker, PDC, CC Timothy Callahan, NCoA Member Dan Murray, DC Perley Mellor, John Bates, PDC, and Dept. Secretary Bill Ryerson, PDC)

Following the memorial ceremony at Charles Bond's gravesite, participants went on a short tour of the cemetery, including stops at the Bigelow Chapel and the American Sphinx monument, which will be the site of next year's Memorial Ceremony for the National Encampment. The group also made a brief stop at the Copenhagen family gravesite, and planted a flag in honor of the benefactors of the Department through their generous gift of the "Copenhagen Fund".

Upon driving out of the cemetery at the conclusion of the tour, DSVC Kevin Tucker discovered the gravesite of Colonel Porter Tripp, Civil War Commander of the 11th Mass. Volunteer Infantry at Gettysburg. Camp 104 Commander and member of the 11th Mass. Infantry (Recreated), Tim Callahan, placed a federal flag at the gravesite.

The discovery of Colonel Tripp's resting place added an air of serendipity to the otherwise gloomy day, with torrential rains continually bedeviling our trip. The wet, but worthwhile journey was concluded with a hearty luncheon at a local bistro, capping a day that could only be described as an "aquatic" adventure.

Welcome Willie Grout Camp 25 Auxiliary!

National President Mayberry extends her congratulations to the new Auxiliary 25. (Left to right: Aux. 25 President Diane Mellor, National President Barbara Mayberry, Aux. 25 Treasurer Sharon Bernard

On June 9, at the Shrewsbury Library, the Willie Grout Auxiliary 25 was officially formed. With Department President Nancy Sullivan presiding at the ceremony, Sister Diane Mellor, (wife of DC Perley Mellor) was installed as the Auxiliary's first President. The ceremony was attended by Auxiliary National President Barbara Mayberry, National Vice President Judy Trapanier, National Chief of Staff Mary Ellen Seiffert, Dept of Connecticut President Joyce Norman, and Dept of New Hampshire President Linda Murray. Among the many Sons present to extend their congratulations were National Council of Administration Member Dan Murray and Dept. of Massachusetts Commander Perley Mellor, along with many Dept. officers. The Auxiliary is starting out with 18 members, actually outnumbering Sons Camp 25. We hope that this is the beginning of a trend where more Auxiliaries will be started to assist us in our duties. Three Huzzas for the Ladies!

Six More To Honor On Memorial Day At Bourne this Year

By Kevin Tucker
Department Senior Vice Commander

On Sunday, May 27th, 2007, as it does every year, the Department of Massachusetts participated, along with military and veterans groups from around the state, in the annual Memorial Day observance at the Veterans Administration National Cemetery in Bourne. This year, however, the event was even more meaningful for our organization, as the Department began what is hoped to be a continuing tradition of holding its own yearly ceremony at the gravesite where the 6 Unknown Soldiers, returned from Virginia last year, were reinterred.

The Department of Massachusetts marches into the Veterans Administration National Cemetery

The event began with a parade into the cemetery by color guards and marching bands from the various veterans organizations. As the order of the parade is organized by time period of each veterans group, the Department Members, joined by members of the 11th Massachusetts Infantry and all dressed in period uniforms, were at the front of the assembly, behind a lone Revolutionary War reenactor. As always, the large crowd gathered to observe the ceremony showed their appreciation for our group with salutes and loud applause.

The parade ended at the assembly area, where a stage was erected for the speakers and honored guests. As is the tradition, Brother Frank Tucker opened the ceremonies with a recitation of General John Logan's General Order No.11, initiating "Decoration Day", (now Memorial Day) in 1868.

Brother Frank Tucker salutes the Flag during the playing of the National Anthem. Tucker read Gen. Logan's Order 11

Speeches and musical interludes followed, with a dramatic fly-over by military fighter planes from nearby Hanscom Air Force Base. Department Commander Perley Mellor, assisted by PDC John Bates, joined other veterans group leaders in placing wreaths at the cemetery's Veterans Memorial. A cannon salute by an artillery company of the Massachusetts National Guard completed the poignant ceremony.

Department Commander Perley Mellor, escorted by John Bates, PDC, presents the memorial wreath at the National Cemetery in Bourne, on behalf of the SUVCW.

Following that ceremony, Members of the Department and the 11th Mass. Infantry continued on to the gravesite of the six Unknown Soldiers, to conduct a separate ceremony in memory of those men. Brother Frank Tucker presided, with Department and Camp 104 officers participating in placing flowers at the gravesite. PDC Bates spoke, representing the seventh Unknown Civil War soldier, buried in a different part of the cemetery, but prominently included in memorial exercises. Department Commander Mellor placed a wreath at the gravesite, while members of the 11th Mass., led by Brother Joe Shadyac fired a musket salute. Tors Johannessen of the 11th Mass. Infantry, and played "Taps".

It was a moving ceremony, and will be repeated annually on Memorial Day weekend. The Department Commander would like to thank every Member who made the effort to participate, and extends a hearty, "Well Done!" to the young men of the 11th Mass. Infantry who participated.

Department and 11th Mass. Members honor the Unknown Soldiers at Bourne National Cemetery.

"Two Arms" Brings the Civil War to Amesbury

By Kevin Tucker
Department Senior Vice Commander

On June 2nd and 3rd, the "Two Arms " Civil War reenactment event was held in Amesbury, MA, to raise money for the repair of the vandalized 11th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry monument on the Gettysburg battlefield.

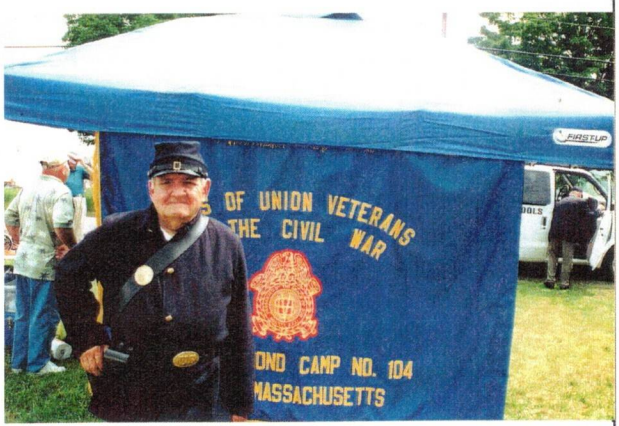
This is the second year for the event, which raised $2200 toward the repair of the monument last year.

PDC Frank Tucker, (right) and Dept. Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker took turns with other Dept. and Camp officers manning the Department Recruiting

This year's reenactment weekend was the largest seen in New England in many years and, despite some challenges from an overnight storm, was widely praised as a unique and successful event.

Organized by Brother Paul Jancewicz of Charles H. Bond Camp No. 104, the living history encampment and battle reenactments took place at Woodson Farm in Amesbury. Reenactors from the New England Brigade and the Liberty Greys set up camp on opposite sides of the road, and captivated visitors with their unique exhibitions of the lives of Civil War soldiers.

The event was free to the public, with Brother Jancewicz's wife, Debbie Jancewicz, and Brother Richard Nichols of William Jenkins Camp No. 132, taking donations, conducting raffles and selling hats, tee shirts, and hardtack, to raise money for the monument.



Brother Richard Nichols worked the fundraising tables with proceeds going toward the repair of the vandalized 11th Mass. Monument in Gettysburg.

Camp 132 sponsored and manned a recruiting and fund raising table, with the proceeds going toward funding materials in their efforts at installing some 130 bronze grave markers in Haverhill.

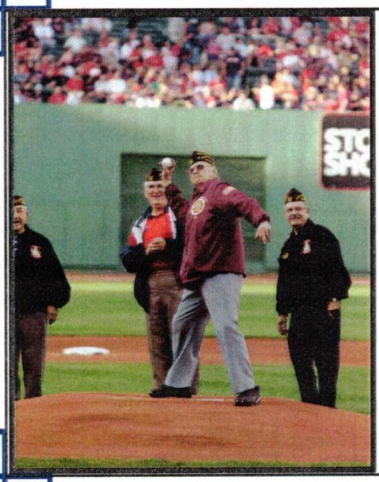
The Department was represented by Commander Perley Mellor, Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker, Department Councilors PDC John Bates and Danny Burns, PDC Frank Tucker, and Camp 104 Commander Tim Callahan, who took turns manning a Department recruiting table for the two day event.

Among those conducting the living history encampment was our own Ed Kelley of Camp 132, performing his impression of Colonel Farnum, and his wife Mary, attired in period costume and representing Mrs. Farnum.

Brother Ed and Sister Mary Kelley were participants, conducting living history exhibitions as Col. and Mrs. Farnum.

Mother Nature wasn't very cooperative on Saturday evening, with thunderstorms, high winds, heavy rains and a tornado warning passing over the encampment. Almost every tent was toppled, and some areas became engulfed in rivers and pools of water. Some participants were forced to break camp and head back home, but the majority of the reenactors toughed it out and stayed through Sunday.

It was a great event, well attended by the public, and Brother Jancewicz should be commended by all for the amazing effort he put forth in organizing the encampment.



Red Sox Honor Veterans On Memorial Day
PDC Frank Tucker Throws Out First Pitch

The Boston Red Sox decided to observe Memorial Day this year, by inviting Veterans from World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War and the Iraqi War, to be honored on the field at Fenway Park. Our own Frank Tucker, PDC, a veteran of the Battle of the Bulge, was chosen as the representative of World War II Veterans. By virtue of his seniority, Brother Tucker was doubly honored by being asked to throw out the ceremonial "first pitch". Ironically, 82 year old Brother Tucker had never been to Fenway Park in his life, prior to this event, despite growing up in Charlestown and having been a policeman in Boston for 42 years. *(FYI: Frank had great mechanics. He threw a nice off-speed sinker, down and away Lugo probably would have swung and missed!)*

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